

## House Resolution 1574

By: Representative Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Alton Jerry Cleveland, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Alton Jerry Cleveland, Sr., on December 6, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cleveland was born on September 11, 1932, in Hart County, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of the late Fred W. Cleveland and Cecil Morris Cleveland; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army during the Korean War, and he graduated from the University of Georgia with  
8 bachelor's and master's degrees in education and a specialist degree in administration; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Cleveland diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and  
10 energy to challenging students as an educator for more than 30 years with the Hart County  
11 School System and the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as a teacher, a principal, and the school superintendent for Hart  
13 County, a Resource Center Director for the State of Georgia, and retired from South  
14 Carolina's Anderson County School System as a middle school assistant principal; and

15 WHEREAS, both a shriner and a mason, Mr. Cleveland was a member of the Hart County  
16 Salvation Army Board, the Hart County Golden K, the Friendship Force of Lake Hartwell,  
17 the American Legion Post 109, the VFW, Hart County Retired Teachers, and served as  
18 bailiff for the Hart County Superior Court and chairman of the Hart County Water Authority;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Cleveland was an active member of Mt.  
21 Olivet Baptist Church, where he taught the McDoyle Sunday school class for 50 years, was  
22 a former deacon, and served on various church committees; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Cleveland was united in love and marriage to Kay Tucker Cleveland, and  
24 he was blessed with three wonderful sons, Al, Chris, and Morris, and four remarkable  
25 grandchildren, Erin, Anna, Virginia, and Will; and

26 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
27 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
28 family and friends was admired by others; and

29 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
30 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
31 made this world a better place in which to live; and

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Cleveland will long be remembered  
33 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, teacher, and  
34 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Alton Jerry Cleveland,  
37 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Alton  
40 Jerry Cleveland, Sr.